

TVA'S FRIENDS FEAR FOR ITS FUTURE

that in June of 1953 Mr. Eisenhower indicated he thought TVA was an example of "creeping socialism", and they maintain that if he had been persuaded as to the merit of the TVA idea he could have demonstrated that faith in 1954 by re-appointing the highly competent and successful

board chairman, Gordon R. Clapp, instead of replacing him with Gen. Vogel. It should be stated that it is almost universally held among TVA supporters that Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, determined the choice of Vogel and will have the decisive voice in nominating the next TVA members. Adams is regarded as an advocate of private power and, as a former governor of New Hampshire, is said to feel that cheap electric power in the South has been damaging New England industries. The TVA operates in an 80,000-square-mile area in the states of Tennessee, Alabama,

Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Disputes between Dr. Curtis and Dr. Raymond R. Paty, the third board member, on the one hand, and Gen. Vogel, the chairman, on the other, have not reached the epic proportions of the battles that rent TVA and resulted in the removal of Chairman Arthur E. Morgan by President Roosevelt in 1938. But the differences since Gen. Vogel arrived at board headquarters here have become widely known to the staff and to residents of the seven-state area served by TVA. In talks with Vogel, Paty and Curtis, with members of the TVA staff, and with outsiders here and

in Chattanooga, this reporter became convinced that, regardless of the justification or lack of it, morale within the staff is low and has been declining since Vogel's coming. This is important because the TVA has been noted for the number of dedicated men and women who work for the agency because they believe in it and not because of the salaries. It is this remarkable esprit de corps that, as such, perhaps, as TVA's physical accomplishments, has made the agency a unique expression of American genius and one of the wonders of the modern world. Any large-scale exodus would effectively wreck the Authority.

The appointment of a replacement for Curtis is neither a simple nor a conclusive matter. There is ample precedent for a delay of considerable length and it is possible that after Curtis walks out of his modest office for the last time, it may be weeks or months before a successor is chosen. Two men constitute a quorum and can conduct the board business, although it seems doubtful that Paty, a former university president and a passionate believer in TVA principles, could agree with Vogel on some important questions.

Terms of TVA directors are for nine years, beginning at three-year intervals on May 18. If a replacement for Curtis is not nominated and confirmed by the eighteenth of next month, the nominee still will end his service May 18, 1956. Although Vogel is reported to have thought when he took on his post in the summer of 1954 that the chairman was a cut above the other members, on matters of significance the three members are equal. Vogel testified before Senators considering his nomination that he "assumed the President would listen to my advice as chairman," and said he had accepted the job "with the understanding that I will have access to the President." This outlook runs contrary to TVA tradition.

Another factor is that Paty's term expires May 18, 1956, and Mr. Eisenhower will at that time have the opportunity of appointing a third director. Because of this, the suggestion has been made that the Administration might try effect a compromise of some sort in the Curtis replacement, although it is difficult to envisage the form a compromise might take.

Vogel's remarks indicate he expects the new appointee will side with the chairman and TVA supporters are afraid Vogel is right. That would isolate Paty.

There is still another factor in the situation, however, and that is

EDWARDS DIES IN TENNESSEE VETS HOSPITAL

Rites For Native Of Macon Conducted At Iotla Church

(Unavoidably Omitted Last Week)

Harley Samuel Edwards, of Franklin, Route 3, who entered a Veterans Administration hospital in Tennessee several weeks ago, died there May 4. He was 60.

The son of Philip and Mrs. Luthenia Gair Edwards, he was born April 8, 1897, in Macon County. He married Miss Ruth McCoy in 1949. Mr. Edwards was a farmer. He was a member of Iotla Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. May 6 at the Iotla church, with burial in the church cemetery. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Paul Heafner, pastor, the Rev. C. C. Welch, and the Rev. R. D. Burnette, chaplain for Franklin's American Legion Post 108. Mr. Edwards was a World War I veteran.

Pallbearers were Van Frazier, Bill Bryant, Lon Dalton, Bill Walgroop, Dean Carpenter, and Ralph Henson.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two step-sons, J. C. McCoy and Ralph McCoy, of the home; two step-daughters, Miss Elizabeth Ann McCoy, of the home, and Mrs. Carolyn Holden, of Ft. Knox, Ky.; a sister, Miss Fannie Edwards of Franklin, Route 3; and four brothers, Fred, Harry, and Harvey, all of Pontiac, Mich., and George, of Franklin, Route 3.

Demonstration Club Meetings For Week Are Announced

Meeting of home demonstration clubs in this county for the coming week have been announced by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. They are as follows:

Today (Thursday): Higdonville club at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Finney.

Friday: Watauga club at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. Molton Buchanan.

Monday: Hickory Knoll club at the home of Mrs. Ed Moffitt at 1:30 p. m.; Highlands club in the basement of the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday: Olive Hill-Oak Dale club at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Joe Tallent.

Wednesday: Upper Cartoogechay club with Mrs. M. W. Beck at 2 p. m.

Thursday: Clark's Chapel club at the home of Mrs. C. R. Cabe at 2 p. m.

Congress. Curtis' replacement must be confirmed. If the administration does not send to Congress the name of a man who is, on the basis of his record, a strong believer in TVA ideals, there might be difficulty in obtaining senate confirmation.

Since the record of the Administration does not indicate such a man will be proposed, a fight, perhaps a long and disruptive one, is in prospect. The Senate Public Works Committee voted 11 to 1 to approve Vogel. The dissenter was Senator Wayne L. Morse (Dem.), Oregon, but since 1954 some senators who voted for Vogel have been disappointed, to say the least.

In explaining his vote, Morse said he was convinced that Vogel "is so steeped in the military chain of command" that it would not be in the public interest to confirm him. Today, some of those who have had contacts with Vogel since he became a board member, think that one of the sources of friction is the very thing to which Morse alluded, the chairman's military background.

North Carolina wool producers are likely to get a little better price for their products this year than in 1956.

NOTICE
Anyone interested in the upkeep of the cemetery at Sugarfork Baptist Church is requested to make donations for this purpose to C. Tom Bryson, Treasurer, or Fred Crisp, Caretaker of Sugarfork Cemetery. Adv.

Ramsey Resigns As Graham Agent; Moves Back Here

Albert L. Ramsey, Jr., who has resigned as Graham County agent to accept a position with the James Lees and Sons carpet company, moved with his family last week from Robbinsville to the Ramsey farm on Iotla.

He will have an engineering job with the Lees company, which will take him to the firm's two plants in Georgia, one of which is at Rabun Gap, and to the plant under construction at Robbinsville.

Mr. Ramsey is married to the former Miss Margaret Setser, of Cartoogechay. They have two children, Becky and Dianne.

Biddle In High Point For Baptist Meeting

Roy M. Biddle, Jr., a member of the First Baptist Church, was in High Point Wednesday of last week to attend a planning session for the Baptist state-wide leadership institute, to be held in January of next year.

The COOKING CORNER Favorite Recipes Of MACON WOMEN

Arroz-Con-Pollo
1 fryer or small roasting chicken (cut into pieces)
1/2 lb. rice
1 green pepper sliced
1 onion sliced
1 can tomato sauce
1 jar stuffed olives sliced
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Brown chicken in oil or fat. Remove from pan. Fry onions and green peppers until brown in the same fat chicken was browned in. Add tomato sauce and seasonings. Replace chicken in pan. Cover and let simmer until chicken is tender. Add water if necessary. Wash rice, add to chicken. Add enough hot water to cover. Add stuffed olives. Cover and let cook 1/2 to 3/4 hour. Garnish with pimentos, if desired.
Mrs. E. Rex Andrus
(Cartoogechay Club)

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Letters

fair, impartial, and just decisions in all problems that confront such a group.

The good wishes of the Murphy School faculty follow Mr. Bueck in his position as Macon County school superintendent. (MRS.) CONSTANCE WEST
President, Murphy Unit N.C.E.A.

Murphy, N. C.

Liked Education Section

Editor, The Press:
Find enclosed check for \$3, for which please renew my subscription to The Franklin Press for one year.

And also "Thanks a million" for the May 2 issue of The Press. I enjoyed every word of it and had a most wonderful time of going back into my school days.

My first year in school! what an experience! Miss "T" Kelly was my teacher. That remarkable woman! Several years later, when she was a rural supervisor, I taught for her.

It's small wonder that Miss Wells was fearful of following her as a teacher at Iotla. But she measured up to the high standard. I attended one of those "normal courses" under her supervision.

I'm glad you do these things you do, through the medium of The Press. It's good for us to recall these early influences, and I maintain that teachers are one of the greatest influences in a child's life.

I'll never forget M. D. Billings and what he did for the cause of education in Macon County. Such a man! It was a liberal education just to attend one of his "summer schools".

I'm sorry I've written such a long letter, but I want you to know that we do appreciate the job you are doing with the home paper. It means a lot to us folks away from home.

MRS. J. H. SHELLEY

Lake Helen, Fla.

'Amused'

Dear Mr. Jones:
I have been quite amused with the letters and your editorials praising Mr. McSwain and objecting vigorously to his ouster by the Board of Education.

In your editorial, "Are We Children?", your third conclusion concerned the un-Christianlike manner taken by the Board in failing to notify Mr. McSwain months ago of his pending removal from office.

I had to laugh when I read this as I recall vividly how you "rode" Mr. Houk out of office not too many years ago.

I objected vigorously to your method of harrassing Mr. Houk through your newspaper. I thought it un-Christian of you to take advantage of your neighbor who had no means of publishing opinions of you and your undertakings. I thought—and I still do think—it was a brutal act on your part.

What do I find amusing about the current incident? It is that now when apparently you don't have an influence with the Board and were probably not consulted as to the choice of the new man, the shoe is on the other foot and the Board is called "un-Christian", uncharitable, etc.

Were you charitable to Mr. McSwain's predecessor?
(MRS.) AUDREY CONLEY MASSEY

Raleigh, N. C.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Massey's opinions are her affair; whatever they may be, her opinions, and those of other readers, always are welcomed by The Press.)

(Matters of fact fall into a different category, and two of the statements in the above letter are inaccurate:

(1. Mr. Houk left the office of county superintendent voluntarily, by resignation. In announcing his resignation, April 2, 1951, he assigned personal reasons that had nothing to do with criticism of his official policies. His explanation, in his own words, was published in the April 5, 1951, issue of this newspaper.)

(2. Everybody has "means of publishing opinions" of The Press and its "undertakings". (Witness publication of Mrs. Massey's letter.) The columns of The Press always are open for the expression of opinion, and especially to anyone under attack. That policy repeatedly was called to Mr. Houk's attention during the period his superintendency was the subject of controversy.)

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This farm has 137 fertile acres, is fenced and cross-fenced; lies at the head of Middle Creek, off US 441, only 12 miles from Franklin, N. C., and about same distance from Clayton, Ga.; one mile of road through property, also one mile of fine trout stream with both sides of stream on property; several springs, which would enable owner to make lake at small expense. Land in high state of cultivation, now in clover and other grazing crops. Ideal for stock or chicken farm. Some timber now on place and young trees will soon yield more. In picture above note beauty of valley, mountain in background.

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